

PERSONAL CARE SERVICES UPDATE

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Overview of Personal Care Benefit

- The Pediatric Personal Care Benefit helps Medicaid members 0 through 20 years old with medically necessary, in-home, non-medical support with daily living activities, such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation, and toileting.



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Personal Care Rule - Then and Now

- Rule was approved by MSB in January 2015
- Rule will be brought to MSB as two rules in September:
 1. Emergency rule to request approval of federally mandated revisions
 2. Additional revisions to align the rule with Home Health, and clarifying language around more robust and flexible benefit provisions



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Revisions:

1. After the MSB's approval in January, our federal partners at CMS required removal of "Protective Oversight" as a task in the benefit.
2. While awaiting federal approval of the revised state plan, staff collaborated with stakeholders to make additional improvements to the rule:
 - Aligned it with Home Health guidelines for care coordination and alignment of tasks
 - Clarified benefit provisions



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Two Rules in September:

1. Emergency rule to comply with federal mandate (removing Protective Oversight as a task)
 - Allows the benefit to be implemented sooner (than the 12/1/2015 date required for a standard rule process)
2. The revised rule will be brought as a standard rule reading



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Summary

1. September MSB - Emergency Rule to remove Protective Oversight task per federal mandate
2. September MSB - More robust, well-aligned revision of Standard Rule
3. Department will provide Rule crosswalks

Questions?



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Thank You



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